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Telecom Decision CRTC 95-4
FINAL 1994 AND INTERIM 1995 CONTRIBUTION CHARGES

OTTAWA/HULL -- Today's decision, among other things, disposes of Unitel's application to review and vary Telecom Decision 94-18 (1994 contribution charges), finalizes the 1994 contribution charges and establishes interim charges for 1995. Contribution charges are the fees long distance providers pay to help subsidize the cost of providing local telephone service.

For BC TEL, Bell, Island Tel, MT&T, NBTel and Newfoundland Tel, the Commission has approved final 1994 contribution charges which are, on average, 20% lower than the 1993 charges. For the same companies, the Commission considers it appropriate to use the final 1994 contribution charges as the interim charges for 1995.

With respect to AGT, the Commission has reduced the 1995 contribution charge by approximately 24% on an interim basis. This is in recognition of the potential magnitude of the difference between the final 1994 contribution rate (which was calculated using the Phase III equivalent methodology) and any final 1995 rate approved using the Phase III/split rate base methodology.

Telephone companies are to issue tariff pages setting out the new interim rates for 1995, effective January 1, 1995. Final rates for 1995 will be determined at the conclusion of the Commission's proceeding to implement the new regulatory framework for Stentor companies.

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